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to be undecided, resolved to be irresolute, adamant for drift, all powerful for impotence."

When, in 1943, Churchill announced church bells would no longer be reserved for invasion warning, and that replacement measures were envisaged, he remarked: "I cannot help thinking anything like a serious invasion would be bound to leak out."

It was perhaps Churchill who said of Cripps: "He could see a joke, but only by appointment."

Adlai Stevenson announced he intended to "defy the Republican law of Gravity."

Stevenson, conceding defeat in 1952, told about the boy who stubbed his toe, saying he was too old to cry, and it hurt too much to laugh. Held up by de Gaulle's arrival at an airport, he said, "It seems my fate to be always getting in the way of national heroes." Another, "Eggheads of the world unite--you have nothing to lose except your yolks." Sir Francis Drake: "The wings of man's life are plumed with the feathers of death."

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Ailsa had bought at the Erickson auction and given to the National Gallery of Art, Fragonard's "La Lisense". She paid $875,000 for it, and found it the most attractive, for her own taste, painting she ever saw.

Ellen and Jim were on the train, bound for Baltimore. Also, Diego Suarez.

Went straight to the Department, where we had a briefing session with George Ball and others in preparation for the talks with the British tomorrow.

George Ball had a stag dinner for Ted Heath tonight, at Blair House. The guests were: The British Ambassador, Sir David Ormsby-Gore; Sir Frank Lee, Treasury; Eric Roll, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food; Sir Patrick Reilly, Deputy Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office; Sir Denis Rickett, Second Secretary at the Treasury; David B. Fitlado, Economic Minister, British Embassy; J. O. Rennie, Commercial Minister, British Embassy; William R. Tyler,

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